

and \$1,000 for home mission work. The people gave a hearty response to the appeal, and if we mistake not, the next conference year will show a marked advance in the kingdom of God as represented by the Brethren church of Indiana. The plan adopted by the Mission Board is, in our judgment, admirable, and deserves special mention. The plan is given in the minutes of the conference published on another page of this issue of the paper. Brother A. S. Menaugh was elected and ordained as State Evangelist. Realizing the responsibilities and duties of the office it was with reluctance that Brother Menaugh accepted it, tho he was made to feel that he has the prayers and support of all the churches of the state.

#### ZEAL AND LOVE

When there is real love there is zeal also, but sometimes we find a people with much zeal yet lacking in love. In the conference of this people the visitor finds a happy blending of the zeal which characterized the early Christians and the love of which the apostle Paul writes in the thirteenth of Corinthians. It is a good place to be, the Indiana State Conference is, and one is always better for having been there. The kindly reception given the editor was much appreciated and enjoyed with thanks.

#### The Larger Vision

It is the great office of religious teachers to bring to blinded eyes a vision of the invisible and eternal, and to deliver men from the illusions of the material and temporal. The things which are seen will perish. The unseen things are the real and eternal. This material body of ours, with its material wants and its material world bounds our intellectual vision. Even religion is charged to be an invention of priests to line their pockets. It requires all the eloquence of consecrated oratory and spiritual living to persuade men to be something better and higher than mere animals, concerned only for their grazing. When you have detached a man from the visible world, and attached him, in the center of his inner life, to the spiritual and invisible world, you have performed a miracle greater than the raising of the dead.

#### A Selfish Religion

Monasticism is not confined to those Catholic brotherhoods who shut themselves up in monasteries and live supposedly upon bread and water, mortifying the flesh, spending their time in meditation and all sorts of pious exercises for the salvation of the soul. The reason it is not confined to the monks is because the spirit of monasticism is universal and not denominational. It is founded in spiritual selfishness, an exclusive concern for the salvation of my soul, in which

there is no room left for concern in regard to the salvation of others. I pray, I struggle, I mortify the body, I study my spiritual condition, my varying "frames" in order to make sure of my personal salvation. I am looking out for number one in religion, and others must take care of themselves. Every church member who does this is a monk, tho he live in a fine house instead of a convent and wear the latest cut instead of sack-cloth. There are not a few who practically sympathize with the dutchman's prayer: "Oh Lord, save me and my wife, mine son John and his wife, these four and no more." Perhaps the following petition would be a little more exact: Save me especially and others if convenient.

#### Prophecy Fulfilled

Swords beaten into plowshares, spears into pruning hooks. It has come to pass. France has found a new use for her army. It is big enough to be useful. It drains the manhood of the whole nation. For this reason the farmers find themselves unable to reap the fields and vineyards, and the government has just ordered the regiment to go help them. What an admirable disposition of the warriors. Turned to such peaceful pursuits, what an engine of effective and beneficent service the army may become. Free service may quit you in the very pinch of need. Not so the army. It must obey orders. Be the day ever so long or the sun ever so hot, go they must at the beck and bid of the pompous man in epaulettes. A company charges a harvest field. The steady ranks go up against the innumerable ears, and the slaughter is great. A regiment assaults the mighty vineyard entrenched upon a score of hills, and the guiltless carnage of the crushed grape reddens the land. Here indeed have we found a civilized and rational use for the mustered host. Sometimes the greatest reforms spring from the simplest initiative. Far better that the proud uniform be soiled with the soil than soiled with blood. Frightened famine flees the world when martial millions march to the harvest instead of the battle. May other nations follow the Gauls in their peaceful campaign of husbandry.

#### Personal Mention

The article by Brother Wetherbe in this issue deserves special mention.

Brother Gillin reports one confession at the morning service, Enon, Sabbath morning, Oct. 14.

From Brother Gillin we learn that the church building in Waterloo, Iowa, is nearing completion.

Brother N. D. Wright, Lawford, W. Va., reports some missionary work resulting in two confessions and baptism.

The mission in Washington continues to grow both by accretion and in spiritual life. Brother Lyon reports two more accessions.

Brother Teeter gives some excellent suggestions in his article on, "More Perfect State Organization." We should like to hear from others along the same line of thought.

On October 15, Brother John Olinger and wife of Meyersdale, Pa., left for a six week's visit to Newton, Kansas, the home of his daughter and son. We should like to remind them that Ashland is in a direct line on their way home.

There are, in the Brethren church, fifty societies that should do what brother B. F. Kinzie says the society at Mexico did upon his return from National Conference. Present the matter to your society, and probably it will do as well.

Brother C. F. Yoder had a very delightful visit among his friends in Kansas during September, and upon his return was given a royal welcome for his seventh year's work at Warsaw. Brother Yoder expects to spend much of his time between this and new year in revival work, principally in his own congregations.

Brother W. J. H. Bauman writes from Elliott, Mo., "To our friends at Roann, Ind., and elsewhere, We arrived here safely last Saturday. Expect to remain here some weeks. Then go to Lawrence, Kansas. No Brethren here. Am going to get a place and do some missionary preaching. This is a mining country."

In another column Brother Lichty corrects a statement that appeared last week under "College Notes," in reference to his work at Fair Haven. Had we been at home when the proof was read we certainly would have made inquiry as to the correctness of the statement. Suffice it to say that Brother Lichty is in no way responsible for the statement.

The meeting at Cerro Gordo, Ill., by Brother Bowman of Philadelphia, Pa., closed with eleven accessions. Brethren Bowman and Bauman are now engaged in revival work in the Philadelphia church, five having already confessed Christ. Brother Bowman begins revival work in the Williamstown, Ohio, congregation in the near future, thence to Akron, Indiana; will remain in Indiana and Ohio until December 1, then go to Ridgely, Md., to hold meeting.

Please note what Brother Yoder says about the Winona Home. Read again the announcement on page 16 of this issue, and then determine what you are going to do. The Winona Assembly representatives are offering us a bargain. The investment is both a good and a safe one. The payments are so easy that most any one can afford to take a share in the Home. Our time is short and what we do must be done soon. The Home will yield a handsome income each season, and with the improvements under contemplation, the value of the property will be greatly enhanced. Forty persons each taking \$100 will make the Home our own, only \$25 of which need to be paid at once, the balance in yearly instalments, so small that the earnings of the building will almost pay them. In our judgment it is a mistake to let this opportunity pass without improving it. If you want to be one of 40 persons in the purchase of the property write Brother Yoder and inform him of the fact.

The honest service of Jesus Christ pays the soul a rich dividend of solid satisfaction. There is no wretchedness in a true Christian's trials; his bruised flowers emit sweet fragrance. The fruits of the Holy Spirit are love, joy and peace; the promise of the Lord Jesus is that his joy shall be full. The sweetest honey is gathered out of the hive of a busy, unselfish and holy life.—T. L. Cuyler.

Recently a man tried to go to heaven thru a smoke-stack. The attempt was foiled by interference and the man was taken to an insane asylum. But how about the thousands who are trying the route of the gutter? Do they not furnish a case for interference also?